



US 20060119573A1

(19) **United States**(12) **Patent Application Publication****Grant et al.**(10) **Pub. No.: US 2006/0119573 A1**(43) **Pub. Date: Jun. 8, 2006**

(54) **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
CONTROLLING A RESONANT DEVICE FOR
GENERATING VIBROTACTILE HAPTIC
EFFECTS**

Related U.S. Application Data

(60) Provisional application No. 60/631,649, filed on Nov. 30, 2004. Provisional application No. 60/634,212, filed on Dec. 8, 2004.

(76) Inventors: **Danny A. Grant**, Montreal (CA); **Juan Manuel Cruz Hernandez**, Montreal (CA); **Pedro Gregorio**, Verdun (CA); **Robert A. Lacroix**, St. Lambert (CA); **Patrice Favreau**, Mascouche (CA)

Publication Classification

(51) **Int. Cl.**
G09G 5/00 (2006.01)
(52) **U.S. Cl.** **345/156**

(57) **ABSTRACT**

Systems and methods for controlling a resonant device are described. One described method for braking an actuator includes generating a first actuator signal configured to drive the actuator, the first actuator signal having a first frequency approximately resonant to the actuator, and transmitting the first actuator signal to the actuator. The method also includes generating a second actuator signal, having a second frequency approximately 180 degrees out of phase to the first frequency, the second actuator signal configured to cause a braking force on the actuator, and transmitting the second actuator signal to the actuator.

Correspondence Address:

**PATENT DEPARTMENT (51851)
KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP
1001 WEST FOURTH STREET
WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27101 (US)**

(21) Appl. No.: **11/291,207**

(22) Filed: **Nov. 30, 2005**

